

Remarks

I. Summary of the Office Action

Claims 20-37, 39-44, 47, and 48 are pending in this application.

Claims 20 and 29 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

Claims 20, 21, 23-32, 35-37, 42-44, 47, and 48 have been finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goller et al. US Patent 4,175,055 (hereinafter "Goller") in view of Hillrichs et al. US Patent 5,766,443 (hereinafter "Hillrichs").

Claims 22, 33, 34, 39, and 41 have been finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goller in view of Hillrichs and further in view of Singh Great Britain Patent 2238802 (hereinafter "Singh").

II. Summary of Applicants' Reply

Applicants have amended claim 20 to more particularly define the invention. Applicants added new claims 49 and 50. No new matter would be added by the amendment or new claims.

Applicants are hereby submitting a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

Accordingly, the finality of the rejections should be withdrawn and this amendment should be entered.

Applicants respectfully traverse each of the rejections.

III. Summary of Interview

The Examiner, Alexander Shvarts, and the undersigned conducted an in-person interview on May 24, 2005. The undersigned wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the interview. Details of the interview will appear in the discussion below where appropriate.

Proposed Claim Amendments

An agreement was reached that applicants would prepare amendments, such as those amendments provided in this paper, to overcome the prior art of record. The undersigned and the Examiner discussed amendments similar to those shown in this paper and the Examiner stated that such amendments are patentable over the prior art of record, pending a subsequent prior art search.

IV. Amendment to the Claims

Amended independent claim 20 refers to a process for producing a woven material with an incorporated

particulate solid, the woven material having an inherent woven characteristic. Claim 20 has been amended to specify that at least some of the active entrained particulate solid in the gaseous carrier are incorporated within the weave of the woven material. Claim 20 has been amended to specify fixing the incorporated particulate solid, wherein the inherent woven characteristic of the woven material is substantially maintained and the active incorporated particulate solid is able to react with external matter in contact with the woven material after the active incorporated particulate solid is fixed.

Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments are supported by the specification. For example, support can be found at page 2, lines 12-19, page 4, lines 5-12 and 20-26, page 6, line 27 through page 7, line 8, page 10, line 25 to page 11, line 6, page 18, line 32 through page 19, line 7, page 19, line 30 through page 20, line 14, and the examples starting on page 26 and ending on page 36.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider amended independent claim 20.

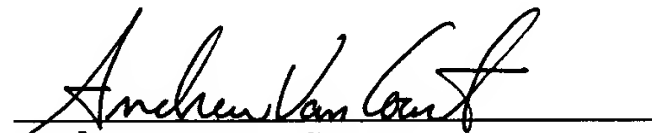
V. New Claims 49 and 50

New independent claims 49 and 50 are similar to independent claim 20 and are allowable for the same reasons independent claim 20 is allowable. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider new independent claims 49 and 50.

VI. Conclusion

The foregoing demonstrates that claims 20-37, 39-44, 47-50 are allowable. Applicants respectfully submit that this patent application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,



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